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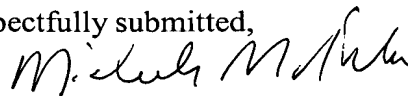
By this amendment, claim 4 is cancelled. Thus, claims 1-3 are now pending in this application. In canceling claim 4, applicants do not agree with or acquiesce to the Examiners arguments in the Office Action dated August 13, 2004. Rather, applicants simply cancel this claim to expedite prosecution in this case and the allowance of claims 1-3.

As stated on page 5 of the Office Action dated August 13, 2004, the Examiner has found claims 1-3 allowable. The Examiner has requested that applicants provide the original ribboned copy of U.S. Pat. No. 6,531,165, as well as an Information Disclosure Statement for this reissue application. Applicants submit the requested Information Disclosure Statement along with this amendment. The original ribboned copy of U.S. Pat. No. 6,531,165 is currently unavailable.

In light of this Amendment and other papers concurrently submitted, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration therefore is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741..

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